

Freedom of Information request reference number: 6866.1

Date of response: 07/10/2022

Request:

Ref number 31/254926 – Shepherds Cottage, 36A Townsend Yard, London N6 5JG.

I would be grateful if you could supply copies of all correspondence, notes of meetings, calls, emails that you have had with Haringey, Mead Construction and [Executec Ltd] consultants regarding the fire brigade access and fire escape from Shepherds Cottage.

Response:

Our Fire Safety team have provided me with any correspondence they hold on file for reference number 31/254926. This relates to the address: 36 Townsend Yard, London N6 5JG and does contain some correspondence between the LFB and Haringey Council.

None of the correspondence between the LFB and Haringey Council references "Shepherds Cottage".

There is correspondence held between the LFB and Haringey Council which relates to a record of consultation received by the LFB from Haringey for land at Townsend Yard, London N6 5JF. I have attached copies of this correspondence below. Please note, personal data has been removed from the attached correspondence under section 40 of the FOIA – Personal Information.

I have only included direct correspondence between the LFB and Haringey. There is no direct correspondence between the LFB and Mead Construction or Executec Ltd consultants held on the Fire Safety file for 31/254926. Given this approach, the emails, and their attachments provided to you cannot be read as a continuous conversation (either within one email or within a set).

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request <u>on our website</u>.



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The London Fire Commissioner is the fire and rescue authority for London

Date 10 June 2020 Our Ref 31/164103 Your Ref HGY/2020/1326

Planning and Building Control 6th Floor, River Park House 225 High Road, Wood Green London, N22 8HQ

Dear

RECORD OF CONSULTATION/ADVICE GIVEN

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

SCOPE OF WORKS: Demolition of existing buildings on site, excluding original folly, removal of communication mast. Construction of 7 mews dwellings with associated landscaping.

PREMISES: Land At Townsend Yard, London N6 5JF PLAN NUMBER(S) (if any):

The London Fire Commissioner (the Commissioner) is the fire and rescue authority for London. The Commissioner is responsible for enforcing the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (The Order) in London.

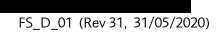
The Commissioner has been consulted with regard to the above-mentioned premises and makes the following observations:

The Commissioner is satisfied with the proposals

Other comments: The Commissioner would expect the proposals to meet the recommendations of Approved Document B section B5 for access and facilities for the fire service. Where the proposals do not meet the aforementioned guidance, clear indication should be provided concerning how it is proposed that compliance with Requirement B5 of Schedule 1 of the Building Regulations 2010 is to be demonstrated.

Any queries regarding this letter should be addressed to the person named below. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the response given, please ask to speak to the Team Leader quoting our reference.

Yours faithfully,



Assistant Commissioner (Fire Safety Regulation)

Reply to Direct **T** 020 8555 1200 ext. Direct **F** 020 8536 5957

The London Fire Brigade promotes the installation of sprinkler suppression systems, as there is clear evidence that they are effective in suppressing and extinguishing fires; they can help reduce the numbers of deaths and injuries from fire, and the risk to firefighters.

From:	LFB
To:	Haringey
Cc:	
Subject:	HGY20220166 Land at Townsend Yard.
Date:	20 June 2022 14:14:00
Attachments:	HGY20220166 Land at Townsend Yard N6 5JF.pdf Please note: this document is included below.

Dear Sir,

Please find attached.

Kind regards,

Deputy Team Leader Fire Safety Inspector North West Area (Camden, Enfield, Haringey & Barnet)



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40 Cumberland Road,

Wood Green,

London N22 7SG.

The London Fire Commissioner is the fire and rescue authority for London

Date 20 June 2022 Your Ref HGY/2022/0166

Dear Sir/Madam

RECORD OF CONSULTATION/ADVICE GIVEN

SCOPE OF WORKS: Demolition of existing buildings on site, excluding original folly, removal of communication mast & the construction of 7 mews dwellings with associated landscaping (1x 1-bedroom, 2x 2-bedroom & 3x 3-bedroom mews houses)
 PREMISES ADDRESS: Land at Townsend Yard, N6 5JF.
 PLAN NUMBER(S) (if any): See below.
 DOCUMENTS REVIEWED: See below.

The London Fire Commissioner (the Commissioner) is the fire and rescue authority for London. The Commissioner is responsible for enforcing the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (as amended) in London.

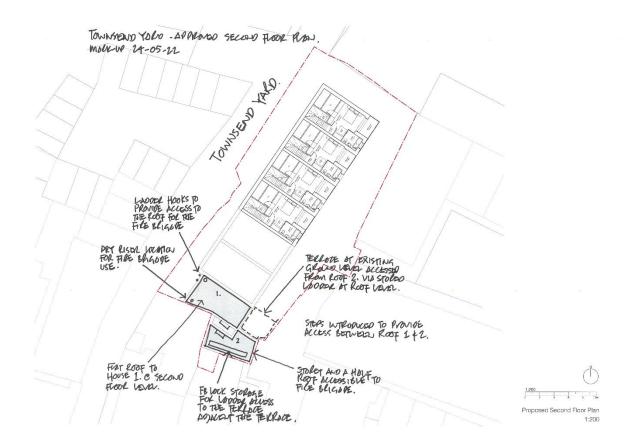
The LFB has been consulted with regard to the above-mentioned premises and makes the following comments/ observations:

- 1. In our opinion the proposed arrangements would not be intuitive for firefighters and the need for a bespoke arrangement leaves less tactical options upon arrival.
- 2. We note that a horizontal main is proposed as a compensatory measure for the lack of the firefighting vehicular access. We would refer to BS9990:2015 4.2.1 where it highlights that this type of installation is not generally suitable for practical reasons. When considering this type of proposal there are a number of concerns including way-finding, the distance that firefighters need to travel with equipment which is not offset by the provision of the pipe and general ongoing maintenance concerns. The provision of this main is considered counter intuitive for firefighters as the provision of an inlet is not always obvious to the fire crews as it will not be directly associated with the entrance to a building/ area. In addition, it should be noted that BS9990 recommends a maximum horizontal pipe length of 18 metres.
- 3. Furthermore, it is worth noting that it is unclear how the proposals are intended to meet the London Plan Policy D12, which recommends that applications should demonstrate the highest level of fire safety, including firefighter access.

Any queries regarding this letter should be addressed to <u>FSR-AdminSupport@london-fire.gov.uk</u>. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the response given, please ask to speak to the Team Leader quoting our reference.

Yours faithfully. Assistant Commissioner (Fire Safety Regulation)

Reply to:



 From:
 @london-fire.gov.uk>

 Sent:
 19 October 2021 16:38

 To:
 @haringey.gov.uk>

 Cc:
 @haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: FW: Ref: Town & Country Planning -HGY/2020/1326- Land At Townsend Yard, London N6 5JF.r

Good afternoon

Thank you for your email.

We have sent an appliance to the access road. It was able to enter the road, past the bollards, but a decision was made, by the officer in charge, to enter into a yard (via a security gate which was unlocked by a security guard) at the end of the road to turn around.

I am arranging for a second appliance to enter the road and turn around, within the provisions identified, as identified via the

application details you have sent.

I apologise for the delay and will be making said arrangements tomorrow.

Once I receive confirmation of a revisit, I will make you aware of the date/ time should you wish to attend.

Failing that I will be present at this event and will report back to you immediately.



Operational Fire Safety Inspector (Sub Officer) Barnet, Enfield & Haringey Team Fire Safety Regulation: North West Area.



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From: @haringey.gov.uk]
Sent: 19 October 2021 07:46
To: LFB
Cc: Haringey
Subject: RE: FW: Ref: Town & Country Planning -HGY/2020/1326- Land At Townsend Yard, London N6 5JF.r

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Hope you're well. Could you clarify when the fire brigade are likely to visit the site?

Many thanks,



Development Management | Planning, Regeneration and Economy | Haringey Council

From:Haringey	
Sent: 12 October 2021 16:25	
То:	@london-fire.gov.uk>
Cc:	haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: FW: Ref: Town & Country Planr	ing -HGY/2020/1326- Land At Townsend Yard, London N6 5JF.r

Hi

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you on this. Could you let me know when the LFB have carried out this site visit and let me know what the outcome of it is? Please copy in if possible, who has been CCd into this email. Many thanks.

Kind regards,



| Planning Officer

Development Management | Planning, Regeneration and Economy | Haringey Council

From:	@london-fire.gov.uk>	
Sent: 06 October 2	021 16:37	
То:	@haringey.gov.uk>	
Cc:	@london-fire.gov.uk	

Subject: RE: FW: Ref: Town & Country Planning -HGY/2020/1326- Land At Townsend Yard, London N6 5JF.r

Good afternoon

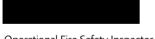
Thank you for your email.

We are intending to send a fire appliance and crew to Townsend Yard to assess, the access and facilities for the fire service currently in place.

Where deemed safe to do so, we intend to drive the appliance forward, into the dead end and attempt to turn around, drive away in a forward gear and return back to the High Street.

By undertaking this practical test, then comparing our findings to Approved Document B Section B5, we will be fully able to see if Approved Document B Section B5 - Access and facilities for the fire service are satisfactory.

Thank you for assistance on this matter.



Operational Fire Safety Inspector (WC/Sub O) Barnet, Enfield & Haringey Team Fire Safety Regulation: North West Area.



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 From:
 @haringey.gov.uk]

 Sent: 06 October 2021 13:09
 To: FB

 Subject: FW: Ref: Town & Country Planning -HGY/2020/1326- Land At Townsend Yard, London N6 5JF.r

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Hi

Hope you're keeping well. Further to your email last week, I received the following response from the applicant. Could you have a look and see if you're satisfied with the arrangement?

Kind regards,

| Planning Officer

Development Management | Planning, Regeneration and Economy | Haringey Council

From:	<u>@london-fire.gov.uk</u>	<u>@london-fire.gov.uk</u> >
Sent: 01 October 20	21 15:12	
To:	@haringey.gov.uk	>
Subject: Ref: Town	& Country Planning -HGY/2020/13	2- Land At Townsend Yard, London N6 5JF.r

Good afternoon

Ref: Town & Country Planning -HGY/2020/132- Land At Townsend Yard, London N6 5JF.

Following our discussion, reference the aforementioned application and site, would it be possible to forward any alternative measurers proposed or agreed by the applicant in relation to satisfying the requirements of Approved document B (ADB) B5 (Access for firefighting).

I believe there may have been some discussion around the provision of sprinklers/ water mist systems within the proposed development and would be grateful for any information (written if possible).

For your information, we have recently received intelligence that bollards have been installed at the entrance to the access yard, reducing its width to approximately 3 meters which according to ADB B5 would mean access is unsuitable for a fire appliance in case of fire. Furthermore a HGV accessing the site has recently clipped a building while trying to exit the access road (believed to be due to poor access). This information may be of some use to you regarding the construction management plan stage.

Table 13.1	Typical fire and	d rescue serv	vice vehicle acc	ess route spec	cification	
Appliance type	Minimum width of road between kerbs (m)	Minimum width of gateways (m)	Minimum turning circle between kerbs (m)	Minimum turning circle between walls (m)	Minimum clearance height (m)	Minimum carrying capacity (tonnes)
Pump	3.7	3.1	16.8	19.2	3.7	12.5
High reach	3.7	3.1	26.0	29.0	4.0	17.0

NOTES:

1. Fire appliances are not standardised. The building control body may, in consultation with the local fire and rescue service, use other dimensions.

2. The roadbase can be designed to 12.5 tonne capacity. Structures such as bridges should have the full 17-tonne capacity. The weight of high reach appliances is distributed over a number of axles, so infrequent use of a route designed to accommodate 12.5 tonnes should not cause damage.

Kind regards,



Operational Fire Safety Inspector (Sub Officer) North West Area (Barnet, Enfield & Haringey)



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From: LFB Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 2:03:24 PM To: @london-fire.gov.uk> Cc: @london-fire.gov.uk> Subject: RE: HGY/2020/0166- 36A Highgate High Street - Land At Townsend Yard, London N6

5JF- Freedom of Information Act Request

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your response and I welcome your call when available.

I have contacted Haringey building control and researched our records to see if an application to build "scope of works" has been sent by the developer.

From the research I have received, no application has been sent.

I have requested that should an application be received by an AI / local building control body to LFB (Statutory) that said application is sent to me personally, where I will reinforce/raise the issues further at this stage.

Kind regards,

Deputy Team Leader Fire Safety Inspector North West Area (Camden, Enfield, Haringey & Barnet)



London Fire Brigade 169 Union Street London SE1 0LL T 020 8555 1200 ext: From: LFB Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 4:20:07 PM To: @haringey.gov.uk> Subject: RE: HGY/2022/0166 - Land at Townsend Yard, N6 5JF

Good afternoon,

Following today's site meeting can we confirm the following:

- 1. That the current provision for a fire appliance to turn around and exit the road (containing the new developments), in a forward gear, is unsuitable and does not meet the requirements of Approved document B B5.
- 2. That the use of the site turnaround area to be used during the construction phase, can be used as a temporary turnaround point, for fire appliances, as long as it is available at all times and a sign on the gate indicates its use.
- 3. That a door to the temporary fence around the proposed development is constructed with a clear path to 36A Highgate High Street/ cottage maintained during construction.
- 4. That the end house closest to the high street, should not be constructed until further consultation and agreement is made between the developer and yourselves/ building control body if relevant/ LFB, regarding inclusion of rear access to the cottage and a permanent turn around point for a fire appliance.

From our prospective, an ideal situation would be to have a turn-around point within the road to the development and an access alleyway to the rear of the cottage. However we will consider any other solutions that provide an equal level of compliance.

Kind regards,

Deputy Team Leader Fire Safety Inspector North West Area (Camden, Enfield, Haringey & Barnet)



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From:

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@haringey.gov.uk>

Sent: 18 May 2022 19:17

@london-fire.gov.uk> To: Subject: RE: HGY/2022/0166 - Land at Townsend Yard, N6 5JF

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Ok great, thanks for confirming.

Development Management

Mobile: @haringey.gov.uk E-mail:

@london-fire.gov.uk> From: Sent: 18 May 2022 18:01 <u>@haringey.gov.uk</u>> To: Subject: RE: HGY/2022/0166 - Land at Townsend Yard, N6 5JF

Good evening,

On site at 1200hrs will be convenient.

Please confirm.

Kind regards,

Deputy Team Leader Fire Safety Inspector North West Area (Camden, Enfield, Haringey & Barnet)



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From: @haringey.gov.uk>
Sent: 17 May 2022 16:03
To: @london-fire.gov.uk>
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Ok great, the applicant can make 12pm, did you want this on-line or on site?

Regards

Development Management Mobile: E-mail: @haringey.gov.uk From: @london-fire.gov.uk> Sent: 17 May 2022 14:57

To:

@haringev.gov.uk> Subject: RE: HGY/2022/0166 - Land at Townsend Yard, N6 5JF

Good afternoon.

Would it be possible to push this back to 1200hrs on Thursday 19th May 2022.

Kind regards,

Deputy Team Leader Fire Safety Inspector North West Area (Camden, Enfield, Haringey & Barnet)



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From:	@haringey.gov.uk>	
Sent: 16 May 2022 16:57		
То:	<u>@london-fire.gov.uk</u> >	
Cc:	@haringey.gov.uk>	
Subject: FW: HGY/2022/0166 - Land at Townsend Yard, N6 5JF		

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As per the e-mail below are you able to confirm if you can meet with the applicant/ agent on Thursday 19th May at 10am to discuss the development at Townsend Yard, N6 and the associated fire safety/ access issues.

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Thanks

 Development Management

 Mobile:

 E-mail:

From: Haringey

Sent: 06 May 2022 17:39

 To:
 @london-fire.gov.uk'

 @london-fire.gov.uk

 Cc:

Subject: RE: HGY/2022/0166 - Land at Townsend Yard, N6 5JF

Hi

As mentioned below following your comments made in respect of a previous CMP submitted in connection with the site above, we have received a updated CMP – see link below. Are you able to comment on the measures proposed in the CMP, specifically whether the measures in terms of deliveries address the concerns you raise about access for a fire crew/ appliances.

http://www.planningservices.haringey.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet? PKID=417589

The application has been with the LPA now for a considerable time and so hence there is an urgency in getting this resolved.

Regards

 Development Management

 Mobile:

 E-mail:

From: Haringey Sent: 27 April 2022 16:49 To: @@london-fire.gov.uk' @@london-fire.gov.uk> Subject: FW: HGY/2022/0166 - Land at Townsend Yard, N6 5JF FYI – comments you provided previously.

From: Haringey Sent: 27 April 2022 14:01 To: @london-fire.gov.uk

Subject: HGY/2022/0166 - Land at Townsend Yard, N6 5JF

Hi

Following your comments made in respect of a previous CMP submitted in respect of the site above I attach a new CMP. Are you able to comment on the updated CMP.

Regards





From: FB Sent: 13 December 2021 12:50 To: Haringey Subject: RE: HGY/2021/2571 (HGY/2020/1326) Land At Townsend Yard, London N6 5JF

Dear Sir,

Ref: - 36A Highgate High Street. HGY/2021/2571 (HGY/2020/1326) Land At Townsend Yard, London N6 5JF

1.0 I am writing to you regarding the aforementioned premises which I feel should be considered, as part of this application, as it sits within the vicinity **around the building** (proposed development).

Approved Document B vol 1 : B5 states provisions covering access and facilities for the fire service are to safeguard the health and safety of people in and **around the building.**

2.0 The building currently has access to the rear, via a car park, which although not ideal, would allow a fire appliance (route suitable for laying hose) to within 45 meters to all points inside the house. From visiting the house, the distance from the street at the front of the house, via an alleyway, to the furthest part on the top floor of the house, seems to be (was paced out) above 45 meters.

For guidance, Approved Document B vol 1 : B5 13.1 states: For dwelling houses, access for a pumping appliance should be provided to within 45m of all points inside the dwelling house.

Furthermore the front door is accessed via an alleyway which is narrow in parts i.e. 730 mm. 750mm is generally the minimum width of a doorway for firefighting access as per Approved Document B.

Lastly once the planned buildings have been constructed, the house will be surrounded by other buildings on all sides, making the application of water to a fire difficult i.e. over the top of another building or by committing firefighters inside the building(which may not be done if there is no life risk). This delay will more than likely lead to increased destruction of this listed (heritage) house.

2.1 Therefore, access for firefighting purposes would currently conform to Approved Document B B5 via access at the rear of the house.

Should this access be removed, as planned, leaving access to the front of the house only, the buildings provisions for firefighting would be reduced below that of its current and/ or modern standards, which will more than likely increase the risk of harm to the occupants, firefighters and destruction of the building.

3.0 The provisions for fire service vehicle access at the prosed site has been identified as non-compliant, by ourselves, in a former email.

In conclusion, I am submitting our concerns as a consultant. There are proposals that may meet the requirements of Approved Document B, such as if the houses nearest the cottage were omitted then a turning head could be retained and access to the cottage maintained, however this and any other proposal should be properly consulted upon to ensure compliance.

Kind regard,



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Many thanks for the feedback from the site visit much appreciated. We will keep you notified of the outcome of the this current application to discharge the construction method statement condition.

Kind regards,

| Planning Officer

Development Management | Planning, Regeneration and Economy | Haringey Council

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 @london-fire.gov.uk

 Sent:
 10 November 2021 13:47

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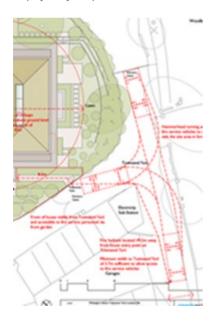
 Subject:
 RE:

 HGY/2021/2571 (HGY/2020/1326)
 Land At Townsend Yard, London N6 5JF.r

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your patience on this matter.

A fire appliance has attended the site in an attempt to use the current provisions for access and facilities for the Fire Service. As displayed by the plan below:



It was found that an appliance was able to enter the road and reverse back into the turn around point. However, the driver of said appliance, supported by the officer in charge, were **unable** to exit out of the turn around point and drive back towards the access point / main road in a forward gear.

On questioning, it was discovered that the provision was too tight (due to obstructions i.e. tree etc) to undertake the appropriate manoeuvre.

As a result of the lack of a turning provision, the fire appliance reversed out of Townsend Rd onto the main access road, in a slow and careful manner (due to the narrow width of the road/ bollard obstructions). This reversing ultimately led to a delay in leaving the site, which would reduce the amount of available time a fire crew would have, should they need to attend an incident, if deployed from the site. Furthermore the access provisions, do not practically meet the requirements of Approved Document B- B5.

I would be grateful if you could keep me informed on any actions or proceedings regarding this matter.

Operational Fire Safety Inspector (Sub Officer) Barnet, Enfield & Haringey Team Fire Safety Regulation: North West Area.

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Hi



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Hope you're keeping well. Just checking to see if there's been any progress with regards to the second visit to the site by an emergency vehicle?

Many thanks,

| Planning Officer

Development Management | Planning, Regeneration and Economy | Haringey Council

From:	Haringey
То:	LFB
Subject:	Haringey Council : Informing of Planning Decision - App ref HGY/2018/2392
Date:	14 November 2018 15:45:07
Attachments:	E 13172975.DOC Please note: this document is included below.

Please find attached document

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London Fire Brigade - Fire Safety Regulation North West Area 1 169 Union Street London SE1 0LL Our ref: HGY/2018/2392 Contact: Telephone: 0208 489

Date: 06/10/2022

Dear Sir/Madam

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Location: Whistlers Cottage Townsend Yard N6 5JF Proposal: Construction of a new detached single-family dwelling house to replace an existing house on the site.

I am writing to inform you that after taking into consideration relevant planning policies and the comments of local residents, the Council has made a decision on the planning application for the above proposal.

To view the officer report and decision notice please visit the link below and type in the HGY reference number as above (Reference number located in top right hand corner).

http://www.planningservices.haringey.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet

Yours faithfully



Head of Development Management and Planning Enforcement Planning Service